Chapter 5
第五話
「おかしな話」
"An Odd Story"

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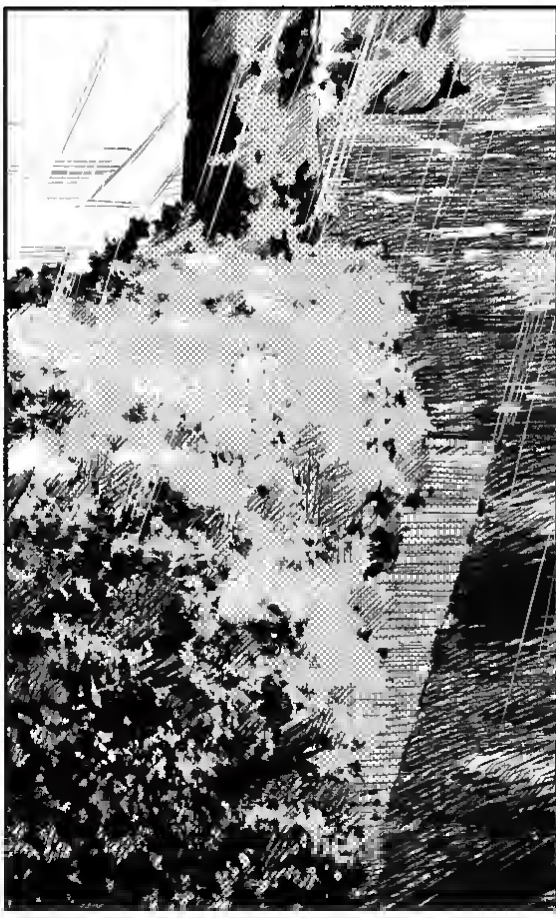

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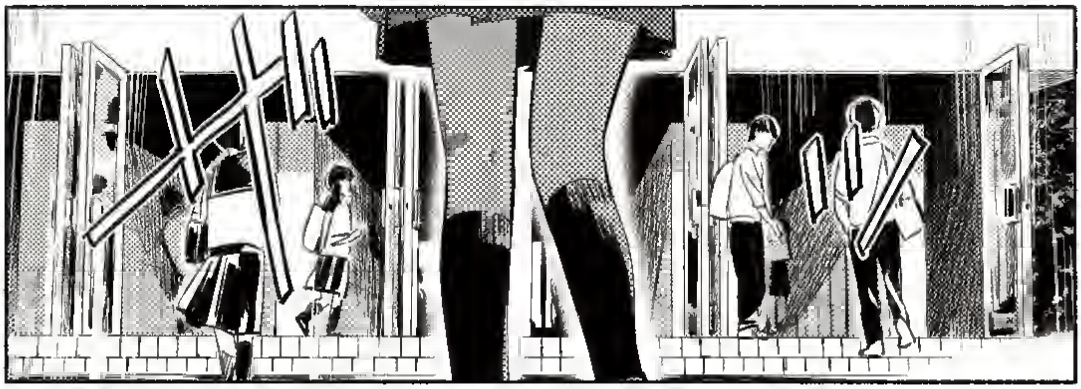
rustle
Rise and shine.
How are you feeling this morning?

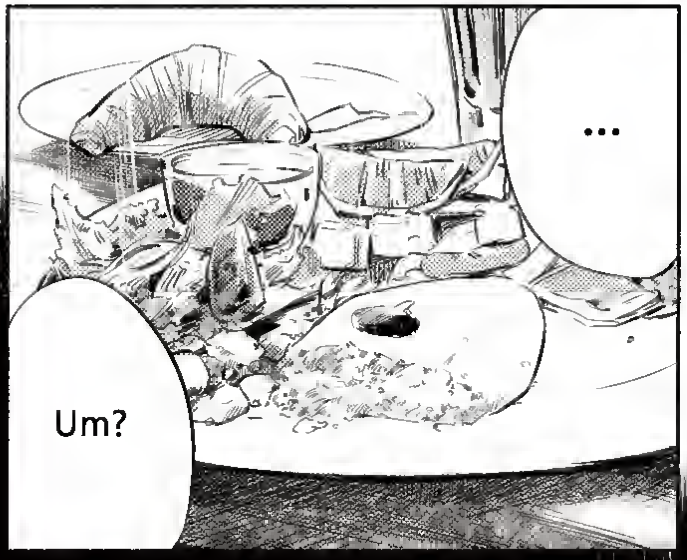
I feel like I'm living.
Well, let's see.
...
It's been ages since I slept so soundly.
Or since a meal tasted so good.
ゴッ
It feels like
I do want to live, a little.
I'm sure my life has lots of happiness
that I've just forgotten and stopped noticing.

I guess it's no use trying to lie to you.
...Right.
Well, let's continue where we left off.
Please, kill me quickly.

You will kill me, won't you?
...Oh, I'll kill you.
In a very terrible way.
Yeah.
Look forward to it.
A very terrible way?

...Don't you get lonely always being left out?
I prefer
to be alone.
...No.

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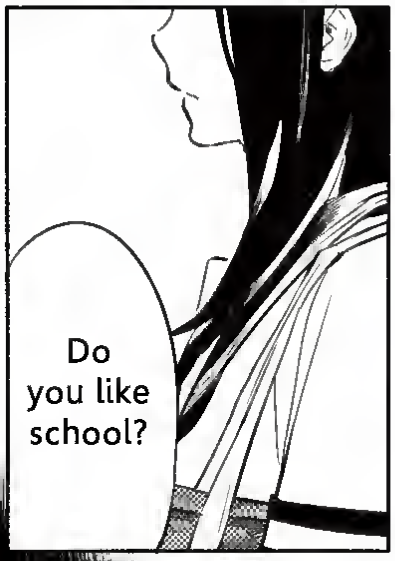
Um?


Do you like school?

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munch

That came out of the blue...
...Just answer the question.

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... I hate it.
The whole school system, my classmates, all of it.

G...
Wah...
ah...
Good morning!

I'll take it into consider-ation.
...I see.
...Finally, she seemed to work up the resolve.
gulp
breathe...
...The target stood there in front of the door.
Clearly, she did not care for the classroom.
rattle

step
step
step
clonk
やめてください
Please stop
murmur...
sigh...
...
やめてください
Please stop
断る
I refuse.

All right...
Hand in your course selection sheets from two days ago.
Pass them up from the back.
進路希望調査
氏名
卒業後の進路希望を書いてください。
第1希望
第2希望
第3希望
カサ...
chatter
ガヤ
ガヤ
ゴソ
Hey...

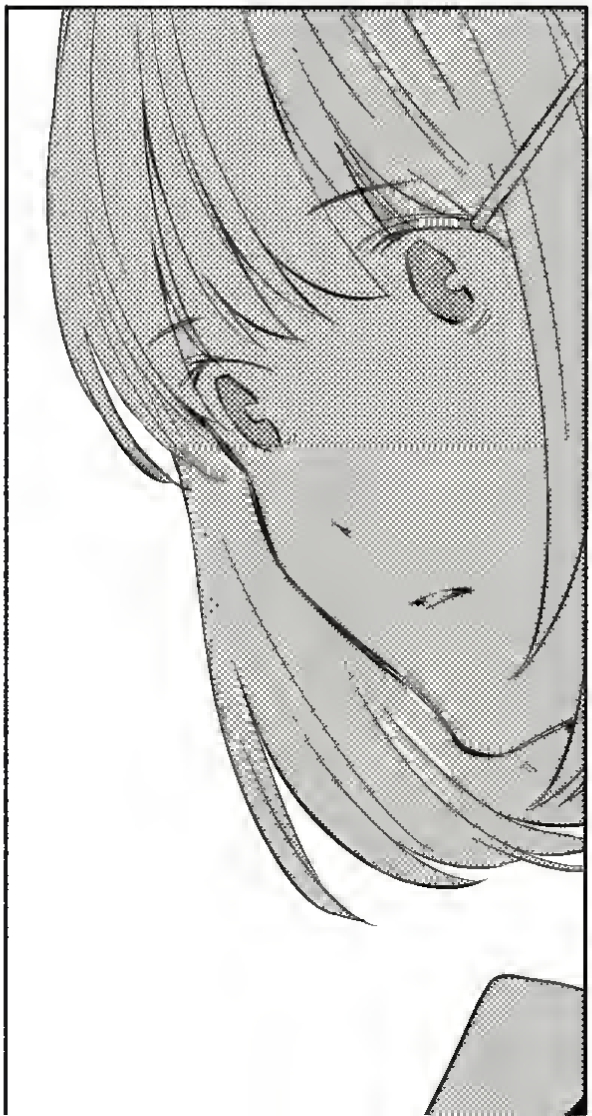
Like, I talk to myself too sometimes -
That's not it.
Um, I'm sorry for asking about it.
I was just thinking "I wonder what she's doing?", that's all.
トン *flap*
トン *flap*
I was just singing...
So anything should do.
Um...
Huh?
...It doesn't seem she's suspicious.
Singing...
...
...Well, um, I'm even more sorry, then.
It's okay...
tap トン
tap トン

When you were walking around yesterday,
were you saying something to somebody?

Something simple and believable...
Ahh, err...
... Need an excuse.

That's embarrassing someone saw me...
I was just -
No, no! It's totally fine.

Let's do our best.
...Exams are nuts, huh? I might be cutting it close at this rate.



...
Yeah.

turn
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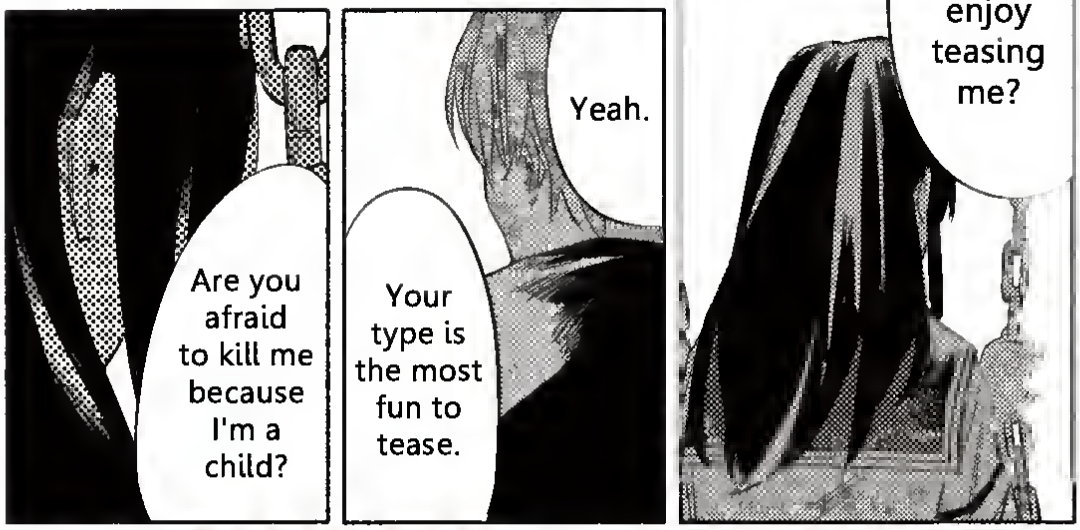
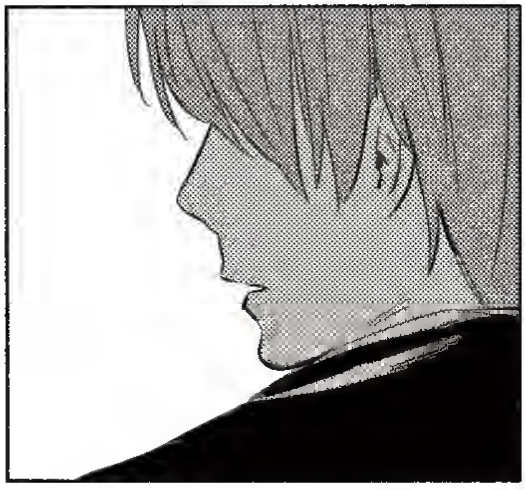
Why did you do such a thing?
The "good morning" thing, you mean?
...Yes.
You seemed lonely in there,
so I thought I'd make you some friends.
jangle

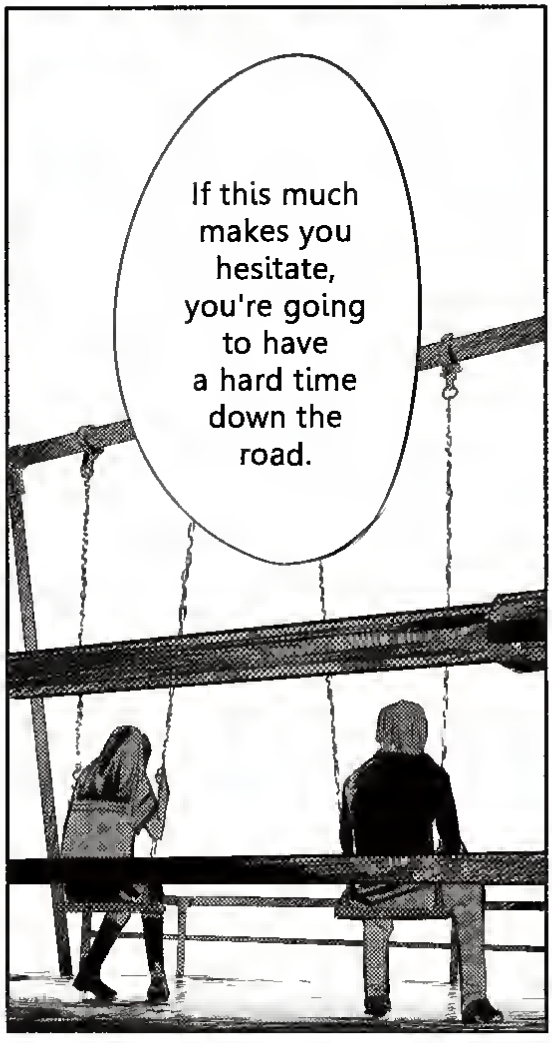
To get away from my pestering,

the target left the class-room before anyone else.

Hey.







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Something struck me about her words.

turn
As if...
Yes?
You...
It was as if...
creak
What is it?
she knew what the job of a Cleaner entailed.